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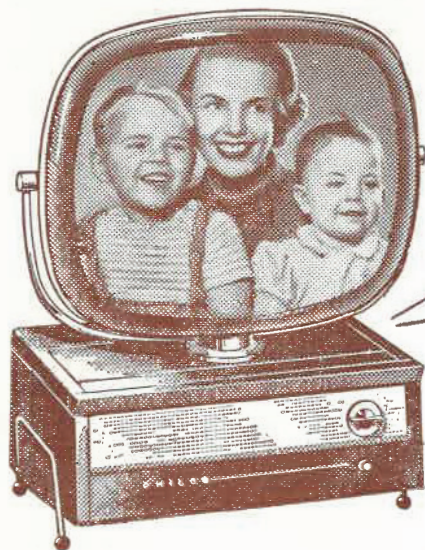
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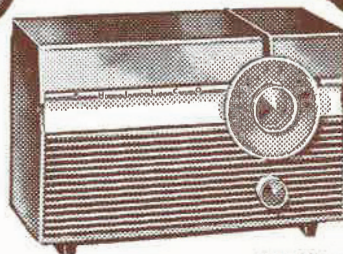


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# HISTORIC COALVILLE CHURCH DEDICATED AT VILLAGE

The "Little Rock Meetinghouse" that had stood since its dedication by President Brigham Young, in 1868, as a landmark in Coalville, Utah, now has been restored to its once proud position as a House of the Lord. Long ago a larger building was provided for the Latter-day Saint people in Coalville to meet in and the "Little Rock Meetinghouse" was condemned to existence far from its original purpose.

Tom E. Moore, long-time resident of Coalville, owned the old stone structure and seeing a chance to restore the building to its once proud position offered it to the Nation Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers, to be preserved at Pioneer Village. Mr. Horace A. Sorensen, director of Pioneer Village, accepted the gift for the society and work was begun to move the building to Pioneer Village. Stone by stone, the building was carefully dismantled and then reassembled at the Village.

On Sunday, September 28, 1958, the church that President Brigham Young dedicated so many years ago, was rededicated in a fitting service that was attended by over 500 people. Among those present were Mrs. Minnie Brown, 93, and Mrs. Harriet Clawson, 91, who had both attended school in the church. Mrs. Brown rang the bell in the church on Armistice day, Nov. 11, 1918. Alex Faddies, another former Coalville resident, was on the program. Others attending **See CHURCH, Page 6**



The Coalville Meetinghouse, restored to its original beauty, stands in Pioneer Village as an outstanding monument to the Utah Pioneer's faith. Originally dedicated by President Brigham Young in 1868, it was rededicated on September 28, 1958, by Robert Calderwood.

## A PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Editor's Note: Robert Calderwood, 89, attended church in the building and made the following remarks before offering the Dedictory Prayer.)

Sons of Utah Pioneers, I salute you; also you friends of the Pioneers, and when I think of you, I think deeply of the original Pioneers and some of their accomplishments. And, by the way, to behold this village and what it signifies, I want to raise my voice in praise of the man or the men who had the vision to pioneer the development of this remarkable and wonderful Village, the selection and beautification of the grounds with such a display of, what shall we call them? Relics? Yes, some are relics, but some are far more than relics, some are memorials, some are monuments to the honor of our forebears.

From what I have learned and observed, I think it fitting to compliment

and do honor to our now past President Horace A. Sorensen, for his vision and initiative in what we now behold. And let us not fail to recognize our recent past President, Carl J. Christensen, nor our President of today, Karl B. Hale, with each of the five Vice-Presidents, along with all other officers of the corporation.

Again, I think it very fitting today to recognize and pay tribute to our great prophet, pioneer and statesman, Brigham Young, this being the 157th year since his birth. Perhaps there is no greater Pioneer on the pages of history. A man loved of God and loved by all true saints since his day. A friend and true follower of our mighty Prophet Joseph.

Again, let us do honor and pay a tribute of gratitude to Thomas Moore, the contributor of this building to the Vil-

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The Coalville First Ward choir, under the direction of Larkin Patterson, sing "Now the Day Is Over," as a closing song in the rededication service of the Old Coalville Meetinghouse at Pioneer Village.

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## EAST MILLCREEK CHAPTER SUP HOLDS MEETING

By HARRY N. POLL

Pioneer Village was the setting for the October 13th meeting of the East Millcreek chapter of the SUP. It was like coming home again after holding our meetings at various cafes and canyon retreats during the past few months. We had a good turnout of members with their wives and guests. An unusually delicious turkey dinner was served by the Relief Society sisters of one of the local wards.

The meeting was presided over by Chapter President Harry N. Poll. He asked for support for needed help in completing the new administration and information building at the Village; and also to move an old East Millcreek school building to the Village site. When asked for a show of hands, the members were unanimous in their willingness to help. We also heard from our National President, Karl B. Hale, in regard to these matters.

Dr. A. R. Mortenson, Secretary of the Utah State Historical Society, was the speaker for the evening. He chose for his theme, "Reminiscences of the Past." "How often," Dr. Mortenson asked, "have we wondered what it was like in Grandfather's day; what the Salt Lake Valley looked like when the Pioneers first entered it; what it was like to travel by covered wagon across the plains." He also said, "We remember an old building that stood as a landmark for years and finally gave its place to a modern skyscraper and try to recall what the old structure looked

like." He continued, "How hard it is to answer a child with a word picture when he asks, 'Daddy, how did they travel when Grandpa was a boy?' or 'What kind of a house did Brigham Young have?'" It is Dr. Mortenson's belief that such museums as the Sons of Utah Pioneers have in their Pioneer Village are important in answering these questions about the past. He encouraged the members of the Chapter to continue their efforts to build Pioneer Village. In conclusion, Mr. Mortenson told a number of fascinating stories about the Donner Party, the Pony Express, Hastings Cut-off and Nauvoo.

A lovely musical interlude was furnished through the efforts of our chorister, Eldon B. Romney. Sister Viola Bennion played several beautiful violin selections, accompanied by Sister Elaine Romney.

Our chapter Secretary, Valoran Russell, and his wife were excused as they were on a trip to Chicago to see a newly arrived grandchild. Our chapter is very fortunate in having an excellent secretary, and we urge every other chapter to do their utmost to obtain a good secretary and one who has enough time to carry on his duties successfully.

We hope that the majority of our future meetings can be held at the Village so that we can enjoy the atmosphere that is ever-present there.

(Editor's note: Interesting gatherings like this are what is making the East Mill Creek Chapter one of the most active in SUP.)

## HUGE OLD BELLOWS AT PIONEER VILLAGE

Mr. Alma G. Jacobson recently donated the large bellows shown above to ever-growing Pioneer Village. The old bellows was located in Mr. Jacobson's father's blacksmith shop on the corner of 3rd South and State Street for many years. It was in operation there until the shop closed some time around 1900.

After serving a mission for the Church from 1902 to 1904, Mr. Jacobson, who is 78, put the bellows back into operation in a shop in Idaho. It was last used in 1937, when the shop was closed and the Jacobsons moved back to Utah. In addition to the bellows, nearly enough blacksmith tools and machinery were donated to establish a complete shop.

Mr. Jacobson makes his home in Murray and has 12 children, 40 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



This huge old bellows is the largest that we have ever seen. It was recently given to Pioneer Village by Alma G. Jacobson, pictured above, examining the bellows with Moroni Schindler.



Standing in front of the Concord Stage that re-ran the Old Butterfield route are the men that made its rerunning possible. From left: Captain Vernon Brown, National Coordinator; Ben F. Dixon, California Chairman; Col. Waddell Smith, Vice Chairman; Charles Childs, Utica, N. Y., great-grandson of John Butterfield; Buck Brown, Yucca Valley, Calif.; John Frizzell, stage coach owner and driver, Oklahoma City Okla., and always on the spot, Milton V. Backman (back to camera) taking names of the participants.

## THE BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND MAIL

Early Sunday morning, October 10, 1858, a lone Concord Stage rolled quietly down San Francisco's still darkened Market Street to Third Street and pulled up in front of a one-story frame building over which hung a freshly painted sign reading: Butterfield Overland Express. The driver, John Butterfield, Jr., tall, young and bearded, brushed the dust from his clothes and climbed down to help the passengers from the stage. An attendant emerged from the building and baggage and mail were unloaded and the passengers went quietly, unnoticed to a nearby hotel. Thus the first overland mail coach arrived at its destination virtually unknown to the people of San Francisco. The long, hard trip across the southern states from Tipton, Missouri, to San Francisco, Calif., nearly 2800 miles, had taken only 25 days. The stage had traveled through cross timbers, mountains, desert, over trace and narrow trail, fording creeks and rivers, through a frontier land and a portion of Mexico made dangerous by outlaws, brigands and wild Indian tribes. The coach represented the first successful establishment of transcontinental overland mail which linked California with the rest of the country and helped save it for the Union. Prior to its arrival the only regular mail service had been in ships around the Horn or caravans across the Isthmus of Panama.

Comemorating this momentous event in the history of California and the nation, a coach of the same Concord type arrived at the same location Friday morning, October 10th, 1958, having retraced the original route in the same length of time, after leaving Tipton on September 16th and meeting warm receptions in all of the towns along the way.

The coach, along with an ox-drawn chuck wagon and other vehicles which accompanied it, highlighted the issuance of the Overland Mail Centennial Commemorative Stamp by the Post Office Department.

Attending the Centennial celebration from Utah, with their wives, were Milton V. Backman, Judge Advocate of the SUP, and Horace A. Sorensen, Managing Director of Pioneer Village.



Famous Butterfield coach arrives in San Francisco and after parade up Market Street stands in front of Federal Building awaiting the ceremonies celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the first arrival of a Butterfield coach in 1858.

## HISTORY OF THE BUTTERFIELD MAIL

By WADDELL F. SMITH

*Vice Chairman, California Committee, Overland Mail Centennial*

Prior to 1848 there had been a moderate amount of migration to the West over the Oregon Trail to Oregon and over the Central and Southern Routes to California. But with the discovery of gold in California and the Mexican Cession in 1848, great waves of immigrants to the New West came by the Overland Routes and by ship around the horn. Others swarmed across the Isthmus of Panama, hoping to find other ships to take them on to California and the West.

Prior to 1848 only the most limited and unreliable communication and transportation facilities existed in this great new Western land. In the next few years many attempts were made by private contractors to carry mail in the area. Major George Chorpenning was given a contract of the Sierra and because of Indian disturbances, his efforts failed. In 1857, James Burch was given a contract by the Post Office Department to carry mail between San Antonio and San Diego. The contractor tried valiantly but the service was poor and irregular. It soon earned for itself the sobriquet of "The Jackass Mail." A clamor arose for a complete transcontinental stage coach route between the Mississippi River and California.

On March 3, 1857, Congress passed an Act authorizing the Postmaster General to ask for bids for a transcontinental stage coach mail and passenger service between the Mississippi River and California. The Postmaster General was given authority to determine the route and on September 16, 1857, a contract was let to John Butterfield and associates to carry a letter mail twice weekly between St. Louis, Missouri, and San Francisco, over the Southern Route in a scheduled time of 25 days. The pay was to be \$600,000 a year. Since the building of the Pacific Railroad had progressed from St. Louis to Tipton, Missouri, the mail traveled by train to Tipton and from there over the 2,800-mile route by stage coach to San Francisco. Arrangements were also made for a feeder line with mail originating at Memphis to join the main route at Fort Smith, Arkansas, a distance of 318 miles. From Fort Smith the line progressed into the Southwest, crossed the Red River at Fort Chadbourne, then on to El Paso and Tucson. From there it entered California at Fort Yuma.

More than one-third of the stage stops  
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**DEDICATION, From Page 5**

lage. Thomas, we see you are a convert to the declaration that it is "More blessed to give than to receive." You make us love you. Now, to the architects, masons



The Calderwood family were pioneer residents of Coalville and the five children pictured above recall many fond memories of the old Coalville Meetinghouse. Seated from the left are: Margaret Calderwood Ruff, 81, and Jenny Calderwood Stewart, 75. Standing: Dr. William R. Calderwood, 92; Robert S. Calderwood, 89, and John M. Calderwood, 87. Robert rededicated the Meetinghouse at Pioneer Village.

and carpenters who skillfully moved the building, we honor you for your service.

May we now proceed to the dedication of the building.

Our Heavenly and Eternal Father, having assembled here on this special occasion, as Sons of Utah Pioneers, with our friends and relatives, we pray that Thou wilt be pleased to grant us the divine influence of Thy Holy Spirit, that we might rejoice in all that is said or done while we are thus assembled.

Help us, our Father, to appreciate this occasion, and especially to appreciate the men and women who have taken the initiative steps in producing this Village and all that pertains to it. We feel that all that is here bespeaks the heart throbs of many of Thy chosen people.

We rejoice that the voices of Thy servants in both near and foreign lands struck responsible chords of many of our parents and grandparents who came to this goodly land of America and to our beloved Utah.

We are mindful, our Father, of the many hardships our forebears had to endure, even being driven from homes and from state to state, without the protection of the laws of the divinely established Constitution of these United States of America.

We regret that many of Thy chosen band of men, women and children sacrificed their lives for the cause of truth.

**PROGRAM OF DEDICATION OF "OLD ROCK SCHOOL"**

The following program was carried out Sunday, September 28, 1958 at Pioneer Village, when the "Old Rock Schoolhouse" was dedicated:

Prelude ..... *Arlene Patterson*  
 Remarks of Welcome..... *Horace A. Sorensen*  
 Opening Song..... *Coalville Ward*  
 Invocation..... *W. Heber Wilde*  
 Song..... *Kamas Valley Quartet*  
 Remarks..... *Thomas E. Moore*  
 Remarks..... *Alex Faddies*  
 Song..... *Kamas Valley Quartet*  
 Remarks and Dedicatory  
 Prayer ..... *Robert Calderwood*  
 Closing Song..... *Coalville Second Ward*  
 Benediction..... *John W. Staples*  
 Postlude ..... *Rhea Stacey*

The remains of many being laid away, even on the desert plains.

Now, our Father, as we have met in this building for the purpose of dedicating it to this Pioneer Village as a memorial, or a monument of sacredness for which it has served, even as a fort against an enemy, a house of worship, a courthouse and as a schoolhouse of learning for many years, we now re-dedicate the building with all that pertains to it from the foundation to its dome, also the ground on which it stands, to this Pioneer Village, and to the Sons of Utah Pioneers Corporation.

Our Father, we pray that through Thy divine providence, the building will be protected from all destructive elements, and that it may be recognized as a sacred edifice to all concerned with it. Now, wilt Thou bless our past National President, Horace A. Sorensen, for his liberal contribution of both means and time to the Village, also our past president, Carl J. Christensen, and our president of today, Karl B. Hale, with all other officers and directors of the Village.

Now, brethren in charge, the building is now committed into your care, all of which we do in the authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

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were the five Calderwood brothers and sisters (see picture), and Mr. and Mrs. James P. Sharp, John M. Boyden, President Moses Taylor of the South Summit Stake, Paul Barber, Rhea Moore Bagnall, Alma Eldredge, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Rhead.

**THE STORY OF THE ROCK MEETINGHOUSE**

By TOM E. MOORE

The people that settled Coalville went there under the direction of Brigham Young to mine coal. Before 1863 it was realized that the increasing population would require a church and school. The settlers had no place to hold their meetings except a small log schoolhouse. In order to solve the problem a group of pioneers got together and discussed ways and means of building a larger and more substantial building to use for school and religious purposes. This band of men consisted of H. B. Wilde, Alanson Norton,



Mrs. Minnie Brown, 93, and Mrs. Harriet Clawson, 91, chat about the "old times," as they sit beside the pot-belly stove in the Coalville Meetinghouse. Both ladies attended school in this building. Mrs. Brown was president of the Coalville Camp, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, for a number of years and in 1918 on Armistice Day she rang the bell in the meetinghouse belfry to inform the people of Coalville that the great World War had ended.

Andrew Williams, Joel Lewis, Andrew Johnson, and Alma and Edmond Eldridge. They agreed that they would each do so much labor and divide the actual cash expenses among the people of Coalville.

In the spring of 1864 the work was started on the building. Now those old pioneers had several things to consider. The first thing was the safety of themselves, their wives and families, for in troublesome times the Indians and Renegade Whites were a constant worry. Second, they needed to find a cheap material that was close at hand and third, to find men who could use the materials which they had. In other words, men who knew how to build houses.

There was a ledge of stone a short distance from the building site, so stone was chosen as the building material and many loads of stone were hauled in and made ready for building. As the Spring of 1864 wore into summer, many new settlers ar-

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## MY MOTHER'S CHURCH

By OLIVE SOMSEN SHARP

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Sharp is the daughter of Emily Gentry, who grew up in Coalville. At the rededication services for the meetinghouse, Mrs. Sharp presented a number of things that belonged to her mother to be displayed in the Village.)

The little old church from Coalville holds many good, bad and indifferent memories. Nevertheless, this church was very dear to my mother, Emily Gentry, all throughout her life.

Her parents moved to Coalville in 1867 when she was 13 years old, so it was in the old church building that she attended activities such as school, Sunday School, plays, parties, socials, funerals and political rallies as well as Sacrament meetings. What a place of interest it was to a growing girl. At one time the jail was even in the rear of the building.

My grandfather, Samuel Gentry, and his wife, Elizabeth, were in their late forties when they moved there. They had four children: My mother, Emily; her sister and two brothers.

Mother married Henry J. Somsen, a Presbyterian, at the age of 21. He was a fine man and an excellent provider. Father's job took him away from home most of the time as he had charge of two hundred men getting ties and timber to build the Oregon Short Line. Mother went right along with him and was deprived of the "Little Rock Church" and its activities. As the family journeyed from place to place, it was often that I heard her say, "If I could only go to church tonight in that Little Rock Church I would be so happy."

My mother had seven children: five boys and two girls. She died at the early

age of 44.

Yes, very dear to her heart were the scenes of her childhood. Now, I am very pleased to present what few things I have left which belonged to her to the Director of Pioneer Village, Horace A. Sorensen. I am sure she would be happy to have me do this.



Mrs. James Sharp presented this case of her mother's belongings to Pioneer Village. Her mother, Emily Gentry Somsen, attended church and school in the Coalville Meetinghouse that was rededicated recently. Pictured above are Mrs. Sharp and her husband, James, who has spent his life in a study of the Pony Express.

There is a tall water pitcher that was brought from England in 1865 by Grandmother Gentry, and is said to be about five hundred years old. It had a yellow cast and is etched, as they did not press or cut glass at that time. A wreath of flowers found in the display was also brought from England and was worn by

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## DR. DAVID E. MILLER ELECTED HISTORICAL SOCIETY HEAD

At a meeting held at the Utah State Historical Society Mansion, October 3rd, Dr. David E. Miller was elected President of the Salt Lake Valley Chapter of the Utah State Historical Society. The purpose of this new organization is to preserve the history of the valley. The by-laws will be patterned after that of the State Society.

Dr. Miller is Professor of History at the University of Utah and has done a great deal of research and writing on Utah History. His latest work is a book, to be released soon on the Hole in the Rock Expedition.

Preceding the organization of the new chapter, members of the historical society heard Dr. C. Gregory Crampton of the University of Utah tell of the historical exploration work being done in the Glen Canyon of the Colorado River under his direction. Among those attending were: Dr. and Mrs. David E. Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Sturges, Dr. and Mrs. Leland H. Creer, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kingsbury, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Mortenson, Dr. and Mrs. Everett L. Cooley, Dr. and Mrs. T. Edgar Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Mathis, Mr. Nicholas G. Morgan and Ruby Morgan.

GEORGE S. EGAN, member of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations of the Utah State Historical Society, announces that Horace A. Sorensen will be the speaker at the December 5th meeting of the Society at 603 East South Temple. Mr. Sorensen will speak on Pioneer Village. The public is invited.

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## COALVILLE HAD ACTUAL BEGINNING ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS FALL

*(Reprinted with permission from The Summit County Bee, of Thursday, October 2, 1958)*

Exactly a century ago, Coalville, Utah, had its first beginnings. While there was no settlement as such until 1859, the following excerpt from "Echoes of Yesterday" reveals that the autumn of 1858 was historically very important:

In the fall of 1858, William Henderson Smith, a freighter, handling freight between Salt Lake City and Fort Bridger, Wyoming, drove into the camp ground on Chalk Creek. He noticed that where wheat had been spilled it had taken root, grown, and ripened. He thought that if wheat could be grown to maturity it would be a good location for a farm center. He took some of the bunches of wheat into Salt Lake City.

The following Spring he induced two other men, Andrew Williams and Leonard Phillips, to come with him to view the ground. They left Sugar House on April 22, 1859, with packs on their backs, and on foot, and after battling snowdrifts and wind-blown trails, they arrived on Chalk Creek on April 26.

They must have been satisfied with the location for they returned to Sugar

House and on June 8 these three men with their families and the following men and families — Henry B. Wilde, Joseph Stalling and Thomas B. Franklin —drove their ox teams into the Weber Valley.

At first the settlement was called Chalk Creek, but after the discovery of coal the name was changed to Coalville.

Soon other settlers arrived, among them the following: John and Fred Wilde, who had driven freight teams for William H. Smith; Joel Lewis, Andrew Johnston, John Spriggs, John Allen, Howard Livingston, Daniel H. Wells, Bryant Stringham, Stephen Taylor and Fred Birch.

They plowed about five acres of ground and planted grain and some vegetables which produced a fair crop.

William Smith located on the ground where the Summit Furniture and Mercantile now stands. His land extended from the Coalville Co-op Apartments on to the drug store and west to the Weber River.

The Wildes located further on south and the ground is still owned by the descendants of those pioneers.

The last of August or the first of September, 1859, the Edmund Rees family

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## ACTIVE JAYCEES PLAN PROJECTS

To improve the community and let people know what we have at Coalville, are the purposes of the newly organized Coalville Junior Chamber of Commerce. This new, fast-growing organization has undertaken a very important task, and judging from the enthusiasm of the members they will accomplish their goals. Membership now stands at 36, and with a sure-fire idea they hope to soon increase membership to fifty plus. The Jaycees have a painted Model A Ford, labeled JayCees, that a member drives until he signs up a new member, then the car is passed on to another member.

This lively and community-minded organization has undertaken several worthwhile projects. The first of these was to erect attractive new signs advertising Coalville. Presently, the group is engaged in building an ice skating rink in conjunction with the Lions Club. Community clean-up is another project these men are working on.

Under the leadership of President Glen Blonquist; First Vice-President Taylor Swenson, Second Vice-President Ross

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rived and joined in the task. There were such men as Thomas Bullock, Heber Stallings, Thomas Copley and others too numerous to mention.

In the Spring of 1865 the people of Coalville met and agreed to devote as much time as they could spare from their own tasks to finishing the church so that it would be completed that year. W. H. Smith let them use several of his oxen teams and wagons to haul the stone in and to bring lumber from the sawmill. The mill was located at the mouth of Saw Mill Canyon, about five miles east of Echo and 10 miles from Coalville. The mill was owned and operated by Jacob Huffman. The logs for the lumber were cut and hauled to the mill by the settlers, who donated their labor.

The work was pushed rapidly ahead under the direction of W. W. Cluff, Presiding Bishop of Summit, Morgan and Wasatch Counties, and was completed in the fall of 1865. President Brigham Young journeyed from Salt Lake City and dedicated the meetinghouse in the fall of 1868.

Now the citizens of Coalville had a place to hold church and school and a place of safety in case of trouble.

School in the building was organized and taught by E. H. Rhead, who was also county surveyor for Summit County. The fee he charged was \$1.50 per student for three months. The 120 students who attended school were taught the standard courses with the stress and emphasis placed on the "three Rs." Cash on the barrel-head wasn't the only way business was run in the good old days, tuition was paid with coal, meat, and all kinds of produce. Credit was extended liberally, and some of schoolmaster Rhead's ac-



Tom E. Moore, his wife Emily Wilde Moore, and their daughter Rhea Moore Bagnell, look at the interior of the Coalville Meetinghouse, restored at Pioneer Village.

counts were never closed.

Of course, church was held in the old building for many years. President Cluff would bring Indians to the meeting quite often. One of the most famous Indian visitors was Chief Washakie, who spoke to the Sunday School one Sabbath morning. This friendship towards the Indians, especially Chief Washakie, paid dividends in the area, as there was very little trouble with them.

In 1930 the whole roof of the building was destroyed by fire. On May 23rd, 1930, the building was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Tom E. Moore. Since then the building has been donated free of charge for public services. Old-time dances and parties were held in the building, the Boy Scouts met there along with the Relief Society and the Red Cross who made clothes and bandages during the war.

If these old walls could talk, many would be the tales they could tell. It was here the first division of land was made

around Coalville.

In its Vestery the town of Coalville was incorporated and officers were chosen to guide the destinies of this small community. The laws and rules were formulated here to govern the people.

I found that nearly all of the people of that time donated very liberally, both in labor and cash, to the building. It was constructed to resist effects of time and it now stands as a lasting monument to the earnest endeavors of those admirable early pioneers. This building was finished in the year of 1865 and was dedicated by President Brigham Young in the Fall of 1868. Summit Stake was organized in this building on July 9, 1877, with W. W. Cluff as President, George Snyder, First Counselor, and Alma Eldredge as second.

This building was donated to the Sons of the Utah Pioneers by T. E. Moore and family in the month of July, 1957. It was brought to Salt Lake City and work to rebuild it was started at once. Under the direction of Horace Sorensen and associates, to whom the people of Summit, Morgan and Wasatch Counties are very thankful, the building now is restored to its original beauty.

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Two hundred High Priests and their wives, from *East Sharon Stake in Provo*, visited Pioneer Village Monday evening, October 27th. Arrangements for the group were made by Dr. A. L. Williams. The large crowd enjoyed rides in the Oxen wagon and the "Surrey with the fringe on top." After a guided tour of the village the group heard a talk on how Pioneer Village came about by Horace A. Sorensen.

Guiding the groups were T. Mack Woolley, Milton Backman and Horace A. Sorensen.

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**COALVILLE, From Page 8**

arrived in Coalville. Mr. Rees was ill, so Mrs. Rees had to care for the family and make the living, too. They took up land north of the settlement and lived in a dugout for a while.

Mrs. Rees was the first woman to remain in Coalville all winter. The others returned to Sugar House for the winter.

In the first part of September, 1859, William Wilde, the father of John and Fred, and brother of Henry B. Wilde, with his two sons, Henry and Thomas, and three daughters, besides Henry's wife Jane, and two children, were met in Echo by Henry B. Wilde and John and Fred. They came to Coalville, but went on to Sugar House for the winter.

They had come by hand-carts and Jane had pulled a hand-cart all the way across the plains. They arrived in Sugar House September 6 and on September 9 Jane gave birth to a baby boy.

Early in the spring of 1860, the settlers who had wintered in Sugar House returned to Coalville. William Smith with his family started out, but they were caught in a blinding snow storm. Mr. Smith left his wife and children in the wagon and walked to Snyder's Saw Mill, located where Snyderville is now.

John and Fred Wilde had been sent to help them. Arriving at the wagon they made their bed under the wagon and Mrs. Smith wrapped herself and children in her feather bed to keep from freezing. All night she would keep calling to John to see if he was alive.

In the morning Mr. Smith returned with men and teams who helped them over the ridge and down Three-Mile Canyon.

**CHURCH, From Page 7**

my mother while attending parties in the little church.

My mother was a master in crocheting. All of my chemise and night dresses had crocheted yokes. A yoke done by my mother appears on display. She taught me to crochet and I still love to do that kind of work.

There are some milk glass vases that are very old and are some of the first cut glass vases. There is also a jade green vase that is hand-wrought and is over one hundred years old, as is noted on the bottom.

One of the most precious things in the collection is a baby dress used for christening all of my mother's children. She made it and it was admired by all. There is also a gold and pearl pin that mother used on special occasions.

I have written this in honor of my mother, Emily Gentry Somsen.



## SUP PROFILES

**EARL A. HANSEN**

Earl Abraham Hansen was born March 19, 1902, the first child of Abraham Hansen and Mary Ellen Olsen Hansen at College Ward, Cache County, Utah. He has 15 brothers and sisters. He attended school at College Ward and later attended the Utah State Agricultural College, now Utah State University. All of his grandparents came from Denmark and three of them walked across the plains with hand-cart companies.



**EARL A. HANSEN**  
SUP 1st Vice-President

On December 10, 1924, he married Alta Gibbons Glenn and to them were born two daughters and three sons. Three of their children have filled missions for the Church. Four of them are married. Ruth married Dr. Dell B. Anderson, a veterinarian. Loraine married Robert E. Rallison, a civil engineer. Raymond Earl married Gladys Dartage and he is completing his final year at dental school. Joseph Melvin married Sharon Christiansen. He entered dental school this fall. Paul is attending Junior High School.

Earl was raised on a farm and operated one a few years after he was married. He bought an interest in an auto parts business which went under during the depression in the early '30's. He then drove bus for the Utah-Idaho Central Railroad.

For the past 19 years he has been the regional foreman and maintenance man for the Cache Region in the LDS Welfare Plan and also operates their cannery.

Earl has been very active in Church activities having served in the Logan 11th Ward Bishopric and has held several offices in the Mt. Logan High Priests Quorum.

He has worked in M.I.A., especially in Boy Scout work. He wears a 25-year service pin in scouting and has been awarded the Honorary Master M-Man award for his service to the young people and his Church. Through his interest and activity with young people he helped develop the first ice skating pond in Logan City, which has become one of the largest outdoor activities in the Valley. He also chairmanned the first Eagle Scout recognition dinner ever held in the State of Utah.

He has been a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for 12 years and has served in the Temple Fork Chapter as Secretary, Director, Vice-President and President. He has been one of their chief cooks for a number of years on their chapter encampments. Earl has served in the National Organization one year as 4th Vice-President and is currently serving as 1st Vice-President. He loves his work with SUP and enjoys filling his assignments.

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## SEGO LILY PAINTING PRESENTED TO VILLAGE

The Sego Lily, Utah's state flower, will be permanently honored in the Sons of Utah Pioneer Village Museum.

The beautiful oil painting was presented by Mrs. Clyde (Viola) Thompson, artist, during the recent dinner meeting of the Salt Lake Pioneer Luncheon Club Chapter. The painting was accepted by D. Crawford Houston, Chapter President.

Mrs. Thompson said she felt the flower should be honored because of the part it played in the history of Utah. "Pioneers lived on the bulbs of the Sego Lily during the first winter spent in the valley. But even before that it was revered by the Indians, who believed it to be the Great Spirit's answer to their need for food in time of famine," she said.



Mrs. Clyde (Viola) Thompson presents Sego Lily Painting to D. Crawford Houston, President of the Salt Lake Pioneer Luncheon Club Chapter to hang in SUP Pioneer Museum.

## UTAHNS ATTEND COLORADO PONY EXPRESS MEETING

A meeting of the National Pony Express Centennial Association was held November 18th at the Broadmore Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Waddell P. Smith, President of the organization presided at the meeting.

Officers attending from Utah were Ernest R. McKay, Vice-President, Utah; Horace A. Sorensen, Director at Large, and Clarence A. Reeder, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

SUP News will publish details of the meeting in its next issue.



Glen A. Cunningham, General Manager of the Salt Lake division of the Union Pacific Railroad, presents Horace A. Sorensen with the proverbial key to the Kaysville Station, as Robert F. Pettigrew, Traffic Manager of the Salt Lake division, Union Pacific Railroad, looks on. In the background the Kaysville Station can be seen nearly ready for moving.

## PIONEER RAIL STATION JOINS VILLAGE

Final preparations have been made to move the old Union Pacific Railroad Station to Pioneer Village, and before this issue is off the press this historic structure should be resting on its new foundation. The station, which was built in 1890, was donated to the village by the Union Pacific Railroad. Horace A. Sorensen, Managing Director of Pioneer Village Museum, stated that the building will be used to house the Bernice Gibbs Anderson collection of old railroad and Golden Spike momentos. In addition to this assortment, a collection of old passes, documents, mats and tools will be added.

Numerous cabinets will be built to house the relics, and a pot-bellied stove will be used to heat the building. The old telegraph office will be rebuilt and railway express wagons will lend authenticity to the scene.

Already in the railroad section of the Village are narrow-gauge railroad cars, a caboose, and an old section handcar. A water tower and narrow-gauge locomotive will be added to the collection later.

The railroad station will be the thirty-first building to be brought to Pioneer Village and restored.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers wish to express their thanks to Joel L. Priest, Jr., Director of Public Relations; Robert F. Pettigrew, traffic manager, and Glen A. Cunningham, general manager of the Union Pacific Railroad, for their interest

and assistance in helping SUP obtain this building.



Robert F. Pettigrew, H. A. Sorensen, Joel L. Priest, Jr., Public Relations Director for Union Pacific and Glen A. Cunningham look the station sign over after its removal from the building in preparation for its trip to Pioneer Village.

Work is progressing on the new Administration Building at Pioneer Village. Saturday, Nov. 8th, K. Grant Hale, Tanner Brown Mont Mahoney and Scott Beazer were getting the trusses ready to put in place soon. The Holladay, East Millcreek and Sugar House Chapters are all working to finish this building.

**MAIL, From Page 5**

and one-fourth of the mileage are in California. After entering the state at Fort Yuma, the stages progressed on via Pilot Knob, Cook's Wells, Alamo Mocho, Indian Wells, Carrizo Creek, Palm Spring, Vallecito, San Felipe, Warner's Ranch, Oak Grove, Aguanga, Temecula, Leguna Grande, Temescal, Chino Launch, El Monte, Los Angeles, Cabuenga, San Fernando, King's, Widow Smith's, French John's Reed's, Fort Tejon, Sink of Tejon, Kern River Slough, Gordon's Ferry, Poso Creek, Mountain Home, Mountain Spring, Tule River, Packwood, Visalia, Cross Creek, King's, Widow Smith's, French John's, Fresno City, Firebaugh Ferry, Temple's, Lone Willow, San Louis Ranch, Pacheco Pass, Gilroy, 17 Mile House, San Jose, Mountain View, Redwood City, San Mateo, Clark's and San Francisco.



Overland Mail Centennial produced new spectacular stamp which was offered for the first time October 9, 1958. Milton Backman and Horace A. Sorensen standing back of enlargement.

The contract was let on September 16, 1857, and allowed exactly one year to prepare for operation. Hence, it was that service began on September 16, 1858. The corporate name of the contractor was The Overland Mail Company. John Butterfield, who organized it, was also the organizer, in 1850, of the famous American Express Company. Hence it was that the line became fondly known as the Butterfield Overland Mail. Because of its deep dip into the South to get around the mountains, it also became known as the Ox-Bow Route.

True to its contract, the first stage left Tipton, Missouri, on September 16, 1858, and arrived on schedule in San Francisco



Anvil Salute was customary along the line of travel everywhere the Butterfield Overland Stage stopped for a celebration. An inch-long hole was bored in the lower anvil and the funnel filled with powder where the fuse would set the charge off, blowing the top anvil in the air and making a noise as loud as any cannon. Waddell Smith, Vice Chairman of the celebration, and his son, Waddell, Jr., along with the caravan blacksmith who supervised this event, are pictured above.

on October 10. Also on September 16, the first East-bound stage left San Francisco and arrived in Tipton, Missouri on schedule. This was a highly organized and well-financed enterprise and the services performed were regular and dependable and John Butterfield's name became a household word. However, in April, 1860, Mr. Butterfield's health broke down and Vice President William B. Dinsmore ascended to the presidency. Dinsmore was equally as capable an operator as Butterfield, for he was also president of the great Adams Express Company which was founded in 1839 and moved into California in 1849 with the gold rush. Mr. Dinsmore remained the president of the Overland Mail Company until its end.

Had not the Civil War interfered, the history of the Overland Mail Company would doubtless have been uninterrupted. It was considered vulnerable in event of attack by secessionists, and California could therefore be cut off from the Union. These fears materialized and the service was interrupted, stages burned and live-stock driven off. By March 6, 1861, regular service was at an end. Simultaneously, Congress acted, four Acts were passed on March 2 and 12, 1861, which modified the contract by transferring it to the Central Route. The contractor was allowed time to regroup and reform with a deadline of July 1, 1861, and the Over-

land Mail began operations again on that date on the Central Route.

The Western terminus was Placerville, California, and the route progressed on to Carson, Fort Churchill, Salt Lake City and to the Missouri River. Beginning with this change of route the contractors' pany was raised to a million dollars a year. And the route was eight hundred miles shorter. With a new route that was free of interruption by the Civil War, the Butterfield Overland Mail Company continued to operate, and it performed a service to California that will always be remembered in history.

And now with the passage of a hundred years, another stage coach arrived in San Francisco, near its own terminus at Third and Market, after retravelling the 2,800 miles again from Tipton, Missouri. It arrived on the morning of October, as it did in 1858.

The Post Office Department has seen fit to issue a special commemorative stamp and it will be placed on first-day sale in San Francisco only. The following day it may be purchased anywhere in the United States. The view of the Postmaster General in Washington is that the date of arrival in San Francisco is more important than the day of departure, for, as it was a hundred years ago, "the objective of the Overland Mail was to get mail to California."

John Butterfield was born in Albany County, New York, on November 18, 1801. Following his retirement from the Butterfield Overland Mail Company in April, 1860, he spent more than two years in seclusion. During the period of convalescence following, he was able to assume some of his lesser business duties until in October, 1867, when in New York City, he suffered a stroke. He then was taken on the last journey to his palatial home in Utica, New York, where death finally overtook him on November 14, 1869.

**JAYCEES, From Page 8**

Bristow, Secretary Robert Williams, Treasurer Robert Piercy, Directors Ray Anderson and Dean Geary and State Director Eugene Brooks, the club has several projects planned. Among these are refinishing the floor of the city quonset hut and sponsoring a local Soap Box Derby for boys. Winners of the contest would go on to compete in state finals.

The Jaycees are also engaged in fund-raising projects to accomplish their future plans.



# KNOW YOUR UTAH



## THE DONNER PARTY MARKER

By DAVID E. MILLER

Every Son of Utah Pioneers knows the story of the Donner Party and doubtless appreciates the contributions that expedition made in the form of road building. For it was the Donners who built the wagon road from Henefer into the Salt Lake Valley during the summer of 1846. The route went southwest from Henefer into East Canyon via Dixie Creek, up East Canyon and over Big Mountain to the upper waters of Parley's Canyon, thence over Little Mountain to Emigration Canyon and on into the valley.

The vanguard of Mormon pioneers found the Donner trek very helpful and followed it all the way to the mouth of Emigration Canyon. At that point the Donners had chosen to go over the top of Donner Hill — where the T. V. Microwave tower is now located — rather than clear the thick tangle of brush from the creek bed. Mormon leaders found this Donner Hill segment of road impractical and decided to build a new one right down the bottom of the canyon. This short stretch of road — less than half-mile — was the only segment of original road which the Mormon leaders had to build between Ft. Bridger and their destination, although a great deal of repair work was necessary on the year-old Donner track.

The Donners proceeded directly across the valley, crossed the Jordan at approximately 21st South, passed through Garfield and Grantsville, and eventually arrived at Iosepa — the beginning of the 80-mile long, dry drive to the springs at the base of Pilot Peak, some 25 miles north of present-day Wendover. Everyone knows the story of the hardships encountered in crossing the Great Salt Lake Desert; space will not permit a re-telling of those events here.

Hastings Cutoff, which the Donners were following at that point, crossed the U. S. Highway 40-50 approximately 5 miles west of the present site of Low. Several years ago (I don't know how many) a marker was placed at that important historic point. However, with the construction of a new highway through that region a few years ago, the marker was left off the main road, although easily accessible, and in the passing years someone pried loose and made off with the bronze plaque which carried a brief account of the Donner expedition.

Today that mutilated, meaningless



David E. Miller stands beside the shaft that once carried a bronze plaque explaining the significance of the Donner Party in Utah history. The monument is located five miles west of Low on Highway 50-40.

shaft stands by the highway — a shadowy ghost of the past. Passing tourists wonder at it; persons who know what it represents are outraged at the thought that some thoughtless person carried off the plaque.

Some organization should take the trouble to restore the plaque — or possibly build a new monument at that important historic site.

## JOSEPH F. SMITH COLLECTION COMES TO PIONEER VILLAGE

A collection of the belongings of President Joseph F. Smith, sixth President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, went on display to the public November 16th at Pioneer Village.

Official unveiling ceremonies took place during the week of November 9th, when the descendants of President Smith held their annual reunion honoring his birth, November 13, 1838. The memorabilia of the late L.D.S. President was arranged in a room display behind a twenty-foot plate glass window.

Mr. Horace A. Sorensen, Managing Director of Pioneer Village, states that with the addition of the Smith Collection, the Village has a collection started for nearly all of the Presidents of the L.D.S. Church.

## DIXIE MISSION MAKES LONG VALLEY TREK

*(Editor's Note: President Henry Graff sends us the following information on the Dixie Mission Chapter Trek. President Hale would be most happy to assist this lively chapter in their endeavor to create a new chapter at Long Valley.)*

The Dixie Mission Chapter, SUP, sponsored a trek to Long Valley, Kane County, on Sept. 13, 1958. The purpose of the trek was two-fold: to visit the cemeteries at Mt. Carmel, Orderville, Glendale and Alton (did not visit Alton); and to stimulate an interest in attempting to organize a chapter of the SUP to include the towns of Mt. Carmel, Orderville, Glendale and Alton. This chapter to be known as the Long Valley Chapter.

The visit to the cemeteries was made for the purpose of locating Mormon Battalion and Indian War Veterans' graves.

The Dixie Mission Chapter is greatly indebted to Scott Prisbrey, assistant historian and trek master, for his untiring efforts in procuring markers furnished by the U. S. Army for the noble and brave pioneers who did so much for us. Mr. Prisbrey found in visiting the cemetery at Orderville that a marker was needed for Silas Harris, Elisha Averett, and Robert B. Stewart, Mormon Battalion Veterans; and J. W. Watson, a Black Hawk War Veteran. The cemeteries were found in fairly good condition. There are other veterans buried in this area whose graves need locating. (This would be a good project for a local Chapter.)

Long Valley has a very interesting past. We feel that a very splendid work could be done in this area in reviewing the past and working for the present and future in each of these communities.

We appreciated very much the cooperation of the Bishops of the wards and especially the work of LeGrand Heaton, who gave the group a very interesting history of the valley, especially the work of the United Order, carried on by the LDS Church for twelve years at Orderville. Mr. Heaton invited us to spread our lunch on his spacious lawn.

After a full day all five carloads of chapter members and their wives arrived home safely.

## OVER JORDAN CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS

The Over Jordan Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, elected new officers for the year 1958-1959 at their meeting September 8, 1958. They are: Charles L. Bawden, President; William J. Coats, 1st Vice President; Wiley L. Larsen, 2nd Vice President; George C. Robinson, 3rd Vice President, and Leland F. Druce, Secretary-Treasurer.



Well-known Utah artist, Cornelius Salisbury's art collection comes to Pioneer Village where it will be housed permanently to honor this great painter. In the collection are several prize oil paintings, including the one above, displayed by Mr. Salisbury, of the first log house in Utah. The collection includes many other fine paintings and several fine etchings.

## TV WESTERN ? DREAM? NO, THEY'RE REAL

(From the Deseret News, Oct. 22, 1958)

When Mrs. Q. Cannon Lambert, of 2204 Fishers Lane (2935 South) woke up Tuesday morning and looked across the street, she blinked, rubbed her eyes and shook her head in disbelief at what she saw.

Have we reverted back to the days of the wild and woolly West, she asked herself as she hurried dialed the sheriff's office to report three full-grown buffalo grazing nonchalantly in the grass across from her home.

In checking the sheriff's office, she discovered the three critters had strayed away from nearby Pioneer Village, a historical center, sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers.



Left to right—Chief of Police Cleone Skousen, Arnold Friberg, artist of "Ten Commandments" pictures, and Mr. Wilcoxen, Associate Producer with DeMille, visiting the Museum and inspecting the oxen and other things.

## OGDEN PIONEER LUNCHEON CLUB HEARS SUP OFFICERS

The October meeting of the Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club was held at the Mansion House on Friday, October 10th.

After a very fine meal and musical numbers by a group from Weber College, President Arthur Grix of the Ogden Chapter called on President Karl B. Hale, National President, and Clarence Reeder, Executive Secretary of SUP, to speak.

President Hale told of many of the tasks that SUP will undertake in the coming year. He complimented the chapter on its growth; it is one of the chapters that has reached its goal in new membership.

Clarence Reeder spoke briefly about some of the functions of SUP.

## SUP Sidelights

ROSS BEATIE, great-grandson of Brigham Young and SUP member, is recuperating from a recent illness. Best wishes to you, Brother Beatie, for a speedy and full recovery.

Talked to HAL JENSEN the other day and he tells me that Larry Anderson of Springville is interested in organizing a chapter down that way.

Have received a very fine article on the Mormon Battalion and its importance from *John P. Hunt* of the Los Angeles Mirror-News. Many thanks to Mr. Hunt — the article will appear soon in the SUP News.

Have just received a copy of *Gustave O. Larson's* book, "Outline History of Utah and The Mormons." The book is just off the press and appears to be one of the few books on Utah History that covers the whole story. A book report will follow next month.

Life Magazine photographer Nat Farbman was at the Village during the week of October 19th, taking pictures that will appear soon in Life.

ELIAS S. DAY, faithful, hard-working member of the Mormon Battalion and SUP, told us about the very interesting ore collection housed at the Village on a recent visit. Mr. Day proved a point: As we learn more about a subject our interest in it increases.



Edson Alvey, President of Hole-in-Rock Chapter, Escalante, preparing to show colorful slides of Escalante Wash to Chet Olsen (right), following the recent trek into that scenic wonderland.

IRA N. HAYWARD, 2nd Vice President of the Old Juniper Chapter, Logan, Utah, announced that President Karl B. Hale would be the speaker at the January 7th, 1959, Charter Night meeting. Wives and guests of all members are invited.

October 23rd was a big day at Pioneer Village. Over 300 students from schools in Provo and Salt Lake visited with us. It was very pleasant to have a fine group of volunteer guides to help. They were: Delsa Hale, Florence Backman, Ilene Kingsbury, Bill Dunn, Ruby Morgan, T. Mack Woolley.

Spent a very pleasant hour with Mrs. George T. Sharp, 90-year-old pioneer in her own right. Accompanying her were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ferguson of Brigham City. Mr. Ferguson is the football coach at Box Elder High School.

The AAA is listing Pioneer Village as a star attraction in their 1959 guide book. This book goes to over 6 million AAA members throughout the United States and Canada.

**WANTED:** Information on points of interest on the Mormon Trail through Nebraska. Mr. M. H. Allen of Grand Island, Nebraska, visited us and told us the Nebraska Historical Society has undertaken the task of placing markers at points of interest in the State. In investigating, the Society finds that the Mormon Trail is one of the most interesting in Nebraska, and any information on particular points that should be marked will be appreciated. Send any information you might have to the editor of the SUP News at Pioneer Village, 2998 Connor St., Salt Lake City, Utah.



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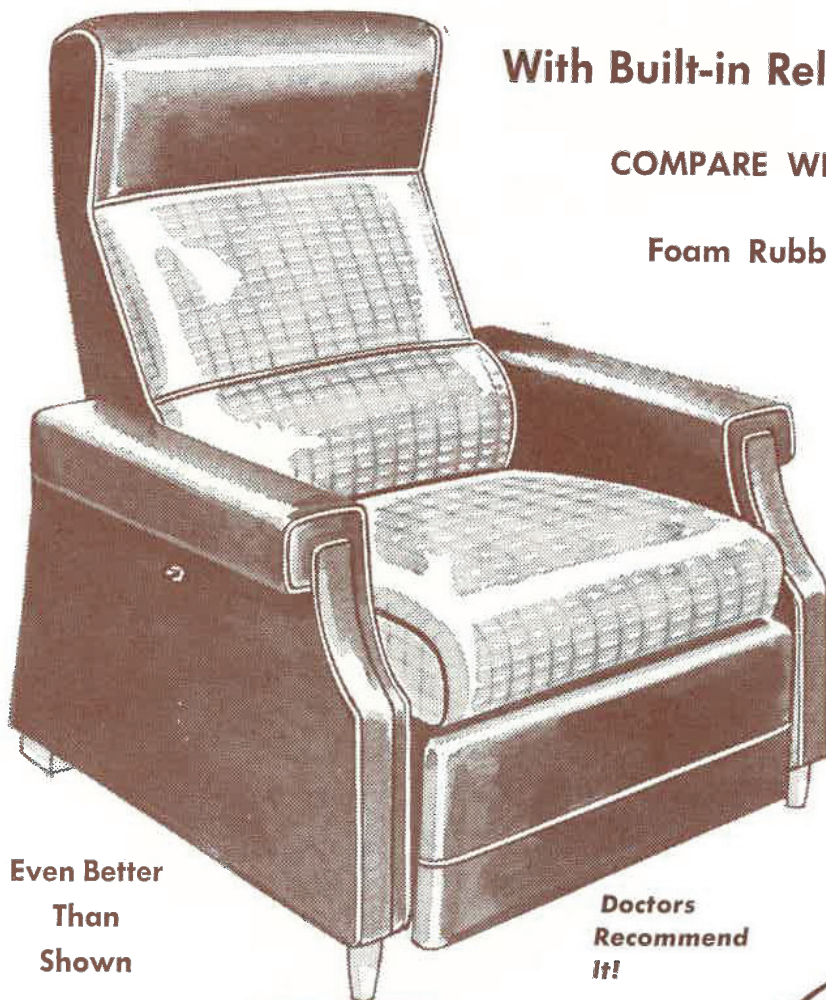
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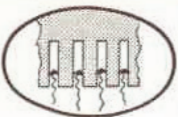


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